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Office of the Governor

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Mr. Gary Weinreich International Paper Georgetown Mill 700 South Kaminski Street Georgetown, South Carolina 29440-4708

Dear Gary.

I want to take a minute to thank you for your company's commitment to environmental excellence. As a partner of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Performance Track program as well as the South Carolina Environmental Excellence Program, your leadership is helping to make South Carolina cleaner and safer for everyone. Your participation in each of these programs distinguishes you as one of relatively few facilities across our state and nation that chooses to go above and beyond what is required by law to protect the air, water, and land in your community.

Achieving quality results in the area of environmental protection and preservation is not easy, but it is worthwhile. We are proud to have businesses that take it upon themselves to act as environmental stewards in the Palmetto State. By working with environmental leaders like you, we can show that public-private partnerships, like this one, can make a real difference for all Americans. Thanks again and take care.

Sincerely,

Mark Sanford

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